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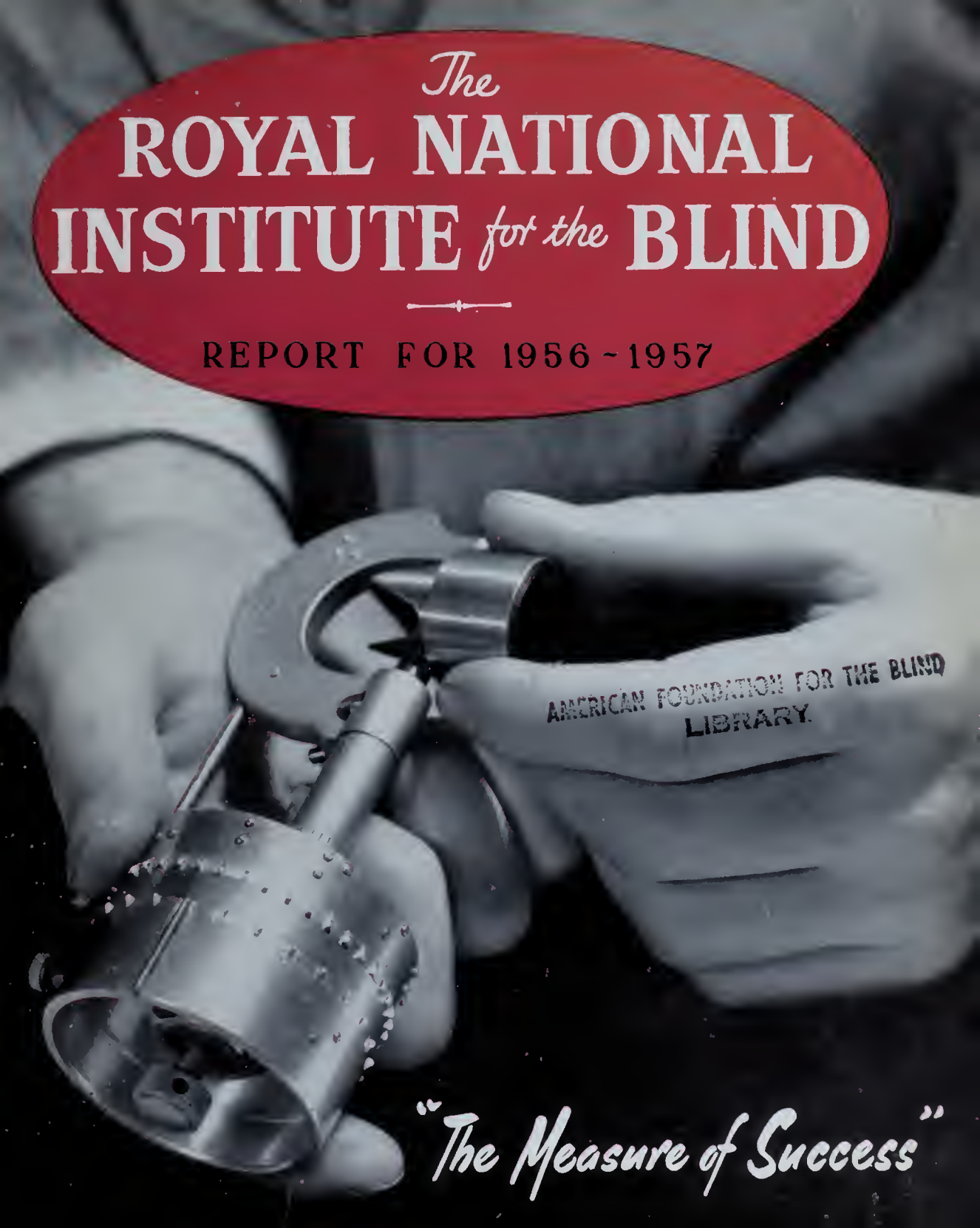

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL, ESCORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE R.N.I.B., OPENING A NEW WING AT CHORLEYWOOD IS GREETED BY A GUARD OF HONOUR OF COLLEGE GUIDES AND SEES A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AND SOME BRAILLE

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1957

H.R.H. the Princess Royal opens new wing at Chorleywood

THIS year we start our chronicle with the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal to Chorleywood, our grammar school for girls with little or no sight, on June 9th, an event that added a royal chapter to the expanding story of the college. Her Royal Highness formally opened a new wing to provide additional classrooms and a sick bay. The royal visitor was shown demonstrations ranging from geography and science experiments, to pursuits such as cooking, pottery, camping and diving. These illustrated, perhaps surprisingly to some people, the modern, up-to-date aspect of a college for students who are sightless in the world of today.

European Seminar on rehabilitation

Another noticeable event was a representative European gathering on April 23rd of the delegates of eighteen countries to participate in a successful Seminar on rehabilitation, sponsored by the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, and the World Veterans Federation. The Royal National Institute and St. Dunstan's were joint hosts, and the United Nations and the I.L.O. sent observers. This was the first time that experts from all over the continent, keeping in step with the concept of European co-operation, had met together to discuss information and develop techniques on the very latest methods of helping those who suffer from blindness.

" The Nation cannot afford to lose the abilities and skill of young blind persons," the Minister of Labour said at the opening session in our Armitage Hall.

Lord Kenswood opens Hethersett

On June 20th the Rt. Hon. Lord Kenswood, officially opened at " Hethersett," Reigate, the first pre-vocational training and assessment centre in the world, solely for blind adolescents. Initiated by the Institute with the approval of the Ministry of Education, the object of the Pilot Centre is to provide a widening range of opportunity and assessment in the field of occupations and careers for those normally leaving school. The standard road of education comes to an end but what is then to follow ? Hethersett is designed as an answer to this problem of furtherance and of assisting them to know where they are going.

Importance of Specialist Services and research work for the blind

This recent innovation is but one of the examples of the importance of specialist services to Blind Welfare. If blind people of all ages are to be able to meet their daily requirements, and fully escape from the neglect of centuries, research and experimental work of many kinds are necessary. Advances in the sighted world have to be matched in increasing measure by technical progress that can be put at their service. Those who are blind, even when trained, can lose their newly won freedom if denied the aids and appliances which, put into their hands, enable them to finish the job successfully.

How many of the ordinary, everyday things we handle are right for blind people ? The clock cannot be seen. The map cannot be studied, the book read or the letter written. Even the kitchen cooker can be a danger, and not a convenience, to questing hands.

The scientific application of fresh viewpoints is required to reduce the influence of harsh disability and handicap, and release the captive to join up readily with the community. So much can depend on a small degree of technical adjustment that brings the unreachable down to manageable operational levels.

Ever mindful of the needs of the individual, the Institute spends increasingly large sums of money on the development of helpful apparatus of all kinds for the use of the blind. This has been done not only to reduce hardships, but for the purpose of reducing costs.

As the Institute sells most of its products to blind people in Britain and Northern Ireland at two-thirds discount, the more it sells the more it loses. Labour and costs of material have approximately trebled in price during and after the second world war. The Institute's officers working under the direction of the Scientific Development Committee wage a constant battle to keep abreast of present-day manufacturing processes and new materials, so as to offset to some extent the rise in prices.

Modern research and the provision of specialist services of many kinds costs money, and we would ask readers to be sure to study the statement of the Institute's accounts during the past year, at the end of this Report.

An Appeal

Blind people have many friends. We beg all those who read this Report and feel that our work is worthy, to support it in every way they can—not forgetting the vital aid that can be given through legacies and deeds of covenant. Voluntarism at its generous best is of immeasurable value to those confronted with blindness.

The Vacuum forming Process for Plastic Braille, Maps and other new items

During the past year we have been producing Braille on thin plastic sheets by the latest Vacuum-forming process, and another of the Vacuum machines is now on order. The method of vacuum-forming has established itself as a proven new process for clarifying and amplifying an increasing range of instructional items.

A plastic map of Scotland, for instance, is being produced with the mountains and rivers for the first time in full and detailed relief that is readily discernible to exploring finger tips. More maps will follow, and a street map of Central London with raised streets and key points is on the production lists. Other products that can now be "formed" are items such as clear plastic dials, embossed with Braille numbers, which may be superimposed on barometers, and thus enable the blind to be weather-wise; arithmetic frames where the tray is vacuum formed and the perforations in the frame stamped out in plastic, the two being then joined together; also raised line guides for use when a blind man is writing script, and other forms of apparatus hitherto factored in metal.

Equipment for the hand production of Braille is also constantly under consideration. First steps in the re-introduction of the Pyke-Glauser writing machine, so popular before the war, have recently been undertaken, covering a novel method of fabrication to produce a machine at a saleable price. The design of the machine is unique, as being the only one in existence that permits the paper, lying flat on the machine, to be embossed upwards on both sides, thus not only saving paper, but allowing the user to read the Braille sheet without turning it over.

NEW BRAILLE BAROMETER WITH PLASTIC DIAL AND SETTING DEVICE

4-HOUR CHESS CLOCK FOR BLIND PLAYERS, APPROVED BY THE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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R.N.I.B. Technical apparatus and devices

We must not forget, too, the technical apparatus required to help overcome obstacles and disadvantages for blind professional workers, if they are to become fully efficient. Two of the latest are the Erythema-meter, and the Spirometer, for the use of professional Physiotherapists. The first is a photo-electric meter, making it possible for a student without sight to assess by ear the safe dosage of ultra-violet light that can be given to a patient, while the Spirometer, which is being experimented with, will permit him to measure lung capacity.

The Institute has also been considering the development by a commercial firm of a novel, inexpensive vest-pocket device to allow blind persons to record and read back the spoken word, for letter writing or taking notes.

In addition, apparatus and optical aids are under constant review for the partially sighted. It is in no small measure due to the Institute that a Reading Aid Clinic was started during 1956 at the Westminster Branch of Moorfields Eye Hospital, where defective eyesight can be helped with all available aids to vision.

An ever-increasing range of devices of different kinds sponsored by the Royal National Institute may not be able to abolish disablement, but it goes a long way towards reducing the hazards. By such implements as Braille micrometers and precision tools, our research department sets out to equip the sightless worker to compete in the modern world of the machine and the technician.

It should be mentioned in this connection that no successful devices for the use of the blind have ever yet been commercially profitable. The general demand is fortunately too small to justify mass production. Profits that come from them are better assessable in the form of personal satisfaction.

A HOME-MADE BAND AT HETHERSETT SWINGS INTO ACTION FOR A DANCE

TANDEM-RIDING ENTHUSIASTS AT HETHERSETT. A SIGHTED RIDER TAKES THE FRONT SADDLE

Let us turn now for a moment from the subject of research to the vistas of the specialist services of the Institute in use and in action among the blind of our Country.

The new Hethersett Centre for blind adolescents

As already mentioned, Hethersett, the Centre for helping forward blind adolescents, became fully operational during the year covered by this Report. The building was generously presented to the Institute by its owner, Mr. Stanley Burdwood. The Centre seeks to assess the interests and abilities of each student, guide them towards employment of their own choosing, and provide where necessary wider training for them to live effectively in any community.

DEAF-BLIND CHILD AT CONDOVER EXPERIENCES SOUND VIBRATION

THE TOP FORM GETS DOWN TO WORK

This method of organising opportunity has been found to have a stimulating effect. Already Hethersett has its full complement of 25 from all parts of Britain and Northern Ireland. Besides the Principal there are masters for engineering and traditional crafts, and mistresses for continued education, mobility and light crafts. The students are divided in turn into four groups, three general and one special. There is a time-table for every week, and each student has his personal time-table arranged to fit individual progress. Each one stays for a minimum period of three months – one term, until the future is fairly clear and some suitable employment is offered. Of all the fresh and unexplored facets of life at Hethersett, none sparkle more brightly or engagingly to the blind and sometimes mentally groping newcomer, than the neighbouring Youth Clubs of Surrey. The swimming club, the dance club, the musical circle, the tandem-riding excursionists, in turn exert their attraction and help the community spirit. Some students are also given the chance of gaining experience with temporary work in local firms.

Young Basil, with only one hand and no sight, came to Hethersett at 18; now he thinks of engineering, and will soon be going to the Government Training Centre at Letchworth. Wesley, who is spastic, took to telephony as his outlet and is now employed on a switchboard in Belfast. Cecilia, who failed at machine knitting, turned to laundry work, and is now happily working in a job in the laundry of a hospital.

The story of the Hethersett experiment is only beginning, and several distinctive and heartening chapters have yet to be written.

Condover Hall and its system

By contrast, the provision of a residential school for blind children with other handicaps is one of the specialist services of the Institute that has become well known to Welfare. Condover Hall in Shropshire is quite unlike Hethersett, where conditions are brought to resemble, as far as possible, those found in sighted adult life. Yet Condover, despite ever-present difficulties, is proving so beneficial that the necessity for further accommodation is being met. Here a secret of success in a help-each-other setting, apart from the devotion and experience of the trained staff, is the deliberate arrangement of the school into " families " with a continuous community life, and the creation of carefully graduated privileges and incentives to spur on the doubly handicapped children to do things for themselves.

It may well be that the best that can happen to one or other of these children is that he or she qualifies for acceptance at an ordinary blind school. But the gift of happiness fortunately knows no physical frontiers. That courageous little boy who has progressed from crutches to hobbling along with the aid of sticks, and mastering his first Braille book, may be as happy as a prince with his music ; that smiling little girl who is deaf as well as blind, can be as pleased as anyone else with her very own types of experience and her ice-cream for tea. In an atmosphere that gives

A HAPPY LITTLE WALKING PARTY AT CONDOVER

A SMALL BLIND BOY SETS OUT TO CLIMB THE NET

security and loving guidance, they learn to develop in their own right, and sooner or later become socially acceptable little people. It may be said that the School's contribution to society is to turn seriously retarded and incapacitated children into adults, able to live as individuals, and not requiring care and attention from other people for their personal needs.

Deaf-Blind unit at Condover

Those who are deaf as well as blind have their own highly specialised unit at Condover, where means of communication, the vibration method of learning speech, finger spelling, map-making in plasticine, and manipulative skills are taught. Progress is seldom straight or even spiral—often indeed it seems to go backwards. After much patient effort and expert instruction one small boy learns to master the simpler sounds and connect them together to form words with meaning, while another learns to "give voice" correctly, and thus overcome the first great obstacle in his handicap.

Normality of Worcester College

Far removed academically and aspiringly from these particular, retarding obstacles, is Worcester College—the only residential grammar school for blind boys in Britain or the Commonwealth. Worcester has the casual look of almost complete normality from the visitors' point of view, and is gaining recognition for itself both scholastically speaking and in the workaday world. Successful visits have been made to Public Schools by senior boys who spent a few nights there, and a return visit is often paid to Worcester College. The Schools where this interchange has taken place are Clifton, Marlborough, Shrewsbury and Uppingham.

Most successful Chess year

It has been the most successful chess year ever enjoyed by Worcester. The College won five out of six league competitions for which it entered, losing the sixth by half a point ; in the four individual championships for which boys entered, in every case both the finalists were Worcester College boys. In the local Rotary Club essay competition open to all schools in the City, both the prizes were won by the College.

It is perhaps worthy of comment—if in the form of a confidential aside—that where schools are concerned the production of a really efficient, audible playing ball is a riddle that has never hitherto been satisfactorily settled by the research department of the Institute. Thought is once again being given to the problem, and no doubt one day, like so many others, it will be solved.

Chorleywood College

At our Chorleywood College for Girls, four girls this year were successful in the Oxford Local G.C.E. Examination, advanced level, and 19 at ordinary level. Sixteen of them elected to make an extremely active, historical-geographical survey of the city of Bath with its many-sided distinction and charm.

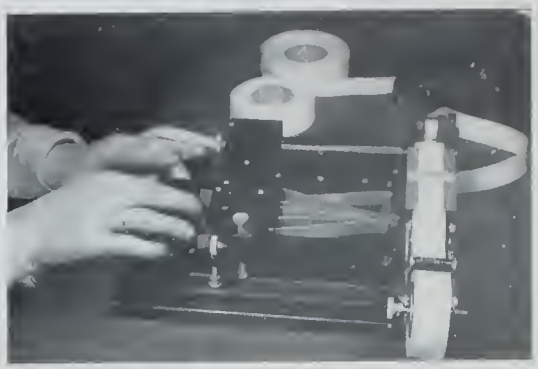
Trainees for telephony and shorthand typing register their success

The R.N.I.B. Training College at Pembridge Place, London, continues with no little success to train students in the two semi-professional careers of telephony and shorthand-typing. Last year more than fifty passed through the college, sixteen qualified as shorthand typists, six as recorder typists and twenty-four as telephonists. All successful students excepting two, suffering from additional disablement, were found employment on leaving. Between them twenty candidates for the R.S.A. Examination gained fifty-six certificates, ten of them with credits.

Regular gramophone concerts have lately become a feature of life at the college, by means of records borrowed from the Kensington Library in London. As a contrast to the exacting course of instruction, a West-End cosmetic manufacturer has once again helped girl students with beauty culture, and guidance has also been given in the care and laundering of clothes.

A Sound recording commentary on the college was made for North American radio, and ex-student Margaret Johnson made a broadcast as the first blind girl to obtain employment as a shorthand typist in the Offices of the Government of Northern Ireland. Further afield, George Thomas has gained a different kind of palm and is the first blind telephonist to be employed in Mauritius. Looking ahead, an ingenious modification unit has been submitted to the G.P.O. for approval, which should enable a blind operator to control the latest switchboard fitted with lamp signalling in place of doll's-eye shutters.

WORCESTER COLLEGE STUDENTS STUDY CHESS PROBLEMS WITH A MASTER



DEFT FINGERS USING A BRAILLE SHORTHAND MACHINE AT PEMBRIDGE PLACE

R.N.I.B. Physio-therapy School and expanding scope

Without the necessary research work our Physiotherapists would not be able to qualify in day-to-day equality with the sighted, and physiotherapy with all its exact and strenuous demands continues to be the largest professional outlet for the blind in this country. This year, sixteen students from our physiotherapy school passed the final examination of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy ; seventeen passed the preliminary examination and eleven the intermediate. **This is the first year that it has been possible for the blind to carry out General Ultra Violet Irradiation, and 69 blind physiotherapists took a special course of instruction, organised by the Institute, and passed the qualifying examination set by the Chartered Society. This development has been made possible by the invention of the erythema-meter.**

The scope of students in relation to clinical work has noticeably widened, and this is a noteworthy development. In their final year they are now able to gain special experience in the treatment of children at the well-known Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and they are already treating patients at the Royal Orthopædic Hospital at Stanmore and the London Chest Hospital.

STUDENTS AT THE R.N.I.B. PHYSIOTHERAPY SCHOOL PREPARING ULTRA-VIOLET LAMPS FOR GENERAL IRRADIATION

THE ERYTHEMA-METER IN USE, ENABLING BLIND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS TO USE ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT

Physiotherapists continue to be employed under the National Health Service, and an old Chorleywood girl, Anne Whittenbury, is working at Guy's Hospital, London, the first time one of our students has worked in a London Hospital where there is a Physiotherapy Training School.

Growth and latest success of our Placement Service

Turning to our expanding work in the busy outside world of Industry and Commerce, 306 blind men and women were fitted into work, many of them in skilled jobs in factory and workshop. The results shown by our Placement Officers continue to give encouragement during a difficult national year. The economic productive value to the country of this service is now beyond dispute.

From its tiny acorn start there grew a large spreading tree which in 1942 was called the Industrial Placement Service. Man-power shortages in the war offered unusual opportunities and in 1951 the Report of the Working Party on the Employment of Blind Persons not only endorsed the need for a specialist Placing Service for the blind, but recommended that Local Authorities should help through the exercise of their powers.

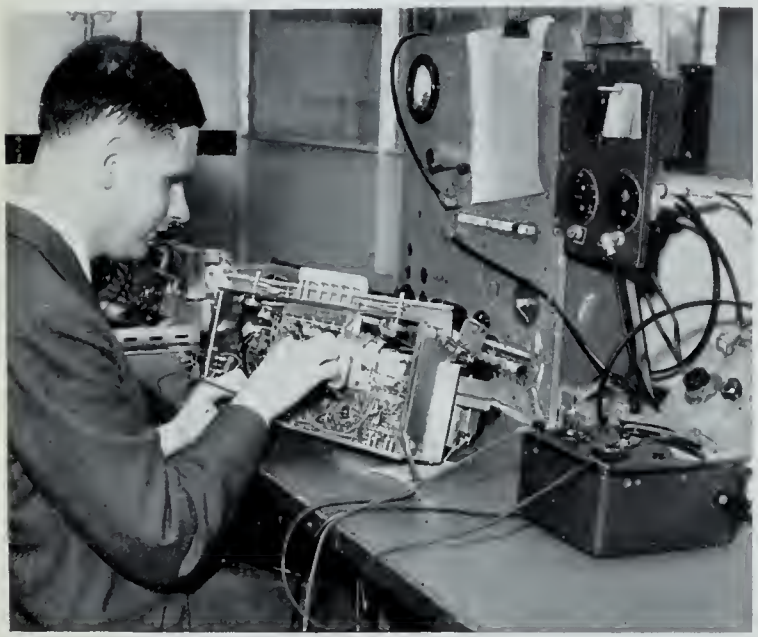
The integration of blind workers into commerce and industry has proved to be one of the success stories of modern times. Operating on behalf of many local authorities in England and Wales, and stretching out to include Ulster, the R.N.I.B. has been able to settle 3,641 men and women, up-to-date, in an ever-widening field of satisfactory and gainful employment—a fine percentage of the available band of blind workers. This country leads other nations in having the largest percentage of blind workers in paid employment.

Keeping in touch with firms

To achieve such results our field staff which include 14 Placement Officers, 1 Commercial Officer, 1 Investigation Officer and 4 Training Officers, are continually making contacts and calls on firms of all sizes, and the careful after-service includes contacts with both worker and management to ensure economic continuance of good production and goodwill. During the recent period, 22nd September to 4th May, no fewer than 3,728 calls were made on firms, with 1,617 follow-up calls, 1,648 visits to local offices of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, and 580 calls on Local Authorities and Voluntary organisations.

This is essentially a specialist service, the success factor due to the fact that our Placement and Training Officers are in almost every case themselves blind or severely visually handicapped. Between them they have been able to build up through personal effort and example a matchless fund of experience and enterprise obtainable in no other way. They are, too, always on the look out for fresh types of suitable employment.

One young blind woman has been found a job as a Dark-Room Technician in a hospital at Bristol, a good avenue for future development. Another of our trainees has successfully completed a special probationary period at a War Office Signals Station, and he will now be able to take up an unusual appointment as a blind man at a Signal Station.



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BLIND OPERATOR AT WORK ON LONG-HOLE DRILLING AND TAPPING FOR CAR ENGINE COMPONENTS (TILLING STEVENS LTD., MAIDSTONE)

For all these centres, establishments, and activities, the use of Braille is, of course, as necessary as the foundations of a house. Without it, blind professionalism would find it well-nigh impossible to establish and maintain its status. Highly elaborate research into improved methods of embossing on thinner and cheaper paper has been closely studied by our Technical Officers for some years. At last we can say that the technical difficulties and mechanical and electrical problems have been overcome that are latent in the use of plastic dots, rendered hard when the temperature of the paper is raised almost to flashpoint. It now remains to prove the economic side of this new solid Braille process of printing.

Braille research and developments

A highlight in the dot category was that the Braille Mail obtained recognition on its Fiftieth Anniversary as the oldest newspaper for the Blind in the world, and one that has never once ceased production through the years. This was deemed worthy of the Panorama programme on Television and was publicised in the Press.

Fifty years of the Braille Mail

The production of the first book, " The Story of Your Home," in the new Nuffield Foundation Library of Children's Books in Braille, has been completed for libraries and blind schools all over the world.

The impressive Braille production figures of the year for literature, music and periodicals, show 45,954 book volumes, 44,639 pamphlets, 1,200 music volumes and 6,210 pamphlets, 108,846 magazines and 375,245 newspapers.

R.N.I.B. Braille Production Figures

Among the best sellers were *Miniature Games of Chess, Peace with God, The Gay Way Series, The Berridge House Recipe Book, The Best Stories of Peter Cheyney, Selected Poems by Walter de la Mare,* and *The Highway Code.* Looking at this selection it may surely be said that emancipation is very much on the march.

In August, expert Braillists from the Institute participated in a review of the Standard English Braille System controlled by the National Uniform Type Committee of this Country and America. The purpose of this was to suggest minor reforms, to make Braille a little easier to learn and to read than at present.

Review of Standard English Braille

The continuing need for our Moon literature is evidenced by the fact that over 2,500 instruction sets were supplied during the period under review. In many cases the simple character of the Moon system brings a new interest into the lives of those who have to sit long hours idle in obscurity. With a weekly midget newspaper, monthly magazines, books in Moon that can be borrowed from libraries in the large towns, and a new catalogue of books available for purchase, Moon is providing a good service for those too old to learn Braille. Moon has no age limits, and pupils in the eighties become regular readers. Although very expensive to produce, Moon books are sold at a fraction of the publishing cost, with a consequent loss to the Institute.

Moon

Meanwhile, the Music Department of the Institute has issued publications ranging from the needs of the advanced player, and lovers of ultra-modern music, to piano music for children and songs for the school singing class—from church music to dance numbers. The accuracy and range of the R.N.I.B. music production is much appreciated in many foreign countries.

Braille Music

R.N.I.B. Shipments to Foreign Countries

To many places abroad, too, go samples and types of the Institute's apparatus, literature, games and appliances for general use. Shipments during the year were made to America, Arabia, Australia, Burma, Canada, China, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Israel, Kenya, Malaya, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rhodesia, South Africa, Sweden and Thailand.

New Apparatus, Games and Gadgets

New apparatus includes such things as a Braille adapted "Ringer Timer" to supersede the "Pinger Timer," for the use of blind housewives cooking in the kitchen; a metal interlining Pocket Frame for writing a few lines of Braille, from abroad; and such items as Jig-Saw Puzzles with the subject raised above the background to make them easier to distinguish by touch, and Self-Threading Darning Needles of the top-threading variety. There is also a new kind of gauge for piano tuners dealing with keyboards, and the Sewell Embossing set imported from America enabling a blind man to produce drawings or writing in the form of raised lines, that he can feel on the surface of a special kind of plastic drawing paper.

Letters of Appreciation

Among others recently received, a letter from the North says: "How wonderful it is to have such apparatus available, and what a wonderful help it is." A lady writes from Cheshire: "Words are inadequate to express one's gratitude to those responsible for the production of Braille literature."

The Annual Report of our Royal National Institute would be incomplete without some mention of Talking Books another scientific device invented to bring solace to old people who spend dark and empty days.

A new Talking Book Machine

The Talking Book Library of long-playing discs, and the mental nourishment that it brings, speeds up into greater popularity among the increasing group of the older blind every year. There is now a formidable waiting list for this progressive yet effortless form of relaxation and distraction. Research along new lines and fresh facilities to lessen the number of those who wait are being actively sought.

A DEAF-BLIND CRAFTSMAN AT TATE HOUSE BUILDS ALTAR RAILS FOR THE BASEMENT CHAPEL *(By courtesy of the Harrogate Herald)*

DONALD IN ARMOUR AT A R.N.I.B. HOSTEL

A NEWLY BLIND GIRL ENJOYING UNEXPECTED COMPANIONSHIP AT AMERICA LODGE

KENNETH MORE GREETS A SMALL BOY FROM A SUNSHINE HOME

IT'S FUN IN THE WENDY HOUSE AT NORTHWOOD PRESENTED BY A CAR MANUFACTURER

The latest model of the Talking Book machine is so up-to-date and streamlined as almost to work itself. Its main distinctive feature is the inclusion of the pick-up assembly in the lid of the machine. Once the record is placed in position, this machine requires no more effort than that used for turning on the knob of an ordinary wireless set. It is much to be hoped that the new model which is now being issued, will diminish the wear-and-tear that is experienced with records. Among many enthusiastic or grateful Talking Book listeners, one writes that " My machine has at times meant the difference between life and death to me."

Manor House and America Lodge

A good deal has been written and also heard of late of another essential specialist service — the Queen Elizabeth Homes of Recovery for newly blind civilians at Torquay, where in a few resurgent months newcomers gather strength to conquer their grievous disability.

Fifty delegates from the European Seminar on Rehabilitation spent two interest-filled days at Manor House and America Lodge. Also during the year seventy Group D.R.O's. of the Ministry of Labour visited the Centre in parties of ten, to absorb the details of the course.

In November on the radio, and in February on television, the very human story of the rehabilitation of a particular blind man was heard and seen by the general public. A number of the pictures seen on the air were taken at Torquay, giving intimate glimpses of life there, and also pointing the way towards a more sensible and normal attitude towards those who are blind.

Social rehabilitation at Oldbury Grange

At Oldbury Grange in Shropshire, where the emphasis is on social re-adjustment, there are practical benefits for sightless people who will be living in their own homes rather than working at shop or factory. Still more practical instruction is progressively becoming available, enabling, among others things, the housewife to cook meals for her family on her return home. The Oldbury kitchen is fitted with both gas and electric cookers. Long mobility walks for all are usual; varied entertainments enliven the evening; local Red Cross Cadets are frequent visitors, and several residents have joined the Red Cross Society to reciprocate aid where possible. Students from foreign blind welfare societies pay attention to Oldbury and find much to interest them. Contingents of the District Advisory Committees of the Ministry of Labour also come to look at it, and increasing interest in the social benefits to be gained at the Centre is being shown by Local Authorities.

Life at the R.N.I.B. Adult Homes

At the nine adult Homes administered by the R.N.I.B., personal service of a communal kind is continually given. We can report that during the year 218 permanent residents, both blind and deaf-blind, were looked after, while approximately 1,600 blind and deaf-blind men and women arrived to spend their holidays or convalescence. To Bannow, at the seaside—and earlier to Westcliffe House, came a man to recover from the terrible ordeal of losing his sight as a result of falling into a furnace.

Our Deaf-Blind Homes

Where these R.N.I.B. Homes are concerned, specialised services are featured at the three of them that cater specifically for the elderly deaf-blind. Many might well consider that life has little to offer a resident who is blind and deaf, and in a Home. Appearances, however, can seldom be judged from outside—for daily happenings are made as varied as anywhere else in these Homes. At one of them a missionary film, with interpreters, and objects passed round from hand to hand excited much interest; not to mention visits to the Pantomime with interpreters, and seats touching the orchestra. A picnic feast by moonlight brought a midnight thrill, as did on another occasion painstaking rehearsals in tableaux and mime for a play to repay local visitors for many kindnesses and outings to church and the tea-shop. Occupations to be had in the handicraft room are much in demand, and the sense of humour remains much in evidence among residents, despite their double handicap.

Hostels for 82 Students and Workers

The onlooker notices how at our Hostels for young workers in London, Donald has developed into an ardent antiquarian collector of armour, and the paraphernalia of war; John manages to get to work at the Judge Advocate's Office each day with the aid of a taxicab and crutches; Tom has trained an enterprising choir, whose carols collected £50 for the Hungarian Relief Fund.

Increased Output at the Students' Library

Where blind students are concerned, and those working for a living, the R.N.I.B. Students' Library continues its unique service, and nearly one thousand Braille volumes were transcribed in the course of the year by our voluntary transcribers, covering, as usual, a wide variety of subjects, including law, foreign languages and science.

The circulation figure continues to rise, as over 10,000 volumes were sent out to readers in the course of the year, an increase of over 1,000 volumes on the preceding year. A rising demand for scientific and technical books is evident, and "A Transcribers' Guide to the Braille Mathematics Notation" produced by Professor Bickley, is a

sign of the times. To maintain the output necessitates a large band of selfless voluntary transcribers, without whom the Students' Library would not exist.

Special request work undertaken by the Manuscript Department included the brailling of the British Nationality Act for a Civil Servant, telephone lists for blind telephone operators, and gas and electric cooker charts for blind housewives.

Happy realities at our Sunshine Homes

From age the account of the Institute's activities has passed to youth, and now the story turns to all those eager, gay, engaging small people, the 224 children in the nine Sunshine Homes. They are not cloistered by blindness. With the care and help of the trained staff, the all-important first mobility steps will be made in the right direction until the little ones are able to experience that first of blessings—a happy childhood. Sometimes months of patient guidance are necessary before a child learns to distinguish a full range of realities and reach out to physical and mental freedom, but very few, even of the retarded ones, turn out to be ineducable. And what is more appealing than the happiness of a blind child?

THE BLIND BOY AND THE TORTOISE

SPARKLING WATER FROLICS AT A SUNSHINE HOME

Through the Parents Unit, which takes the form of a specially equipped cottage in the grounds of Sunshine House, Court Grange, Abbotskerswell in South Devon, valuable work is being done in aiding some parents to gain practical experience.

International Contacts and Conferences

It has been said that the health of an organisation may be judged by the strength or otherwise of its foreign relations. The year under review has been a notably active period in the international sphere. Increasing numbers of visitors from sister organisations arrive from other parts of the globe, and the Institute helps them in any way it can. Some come over for a brief tourist visit, and others for lengthy courses in training. Reversing the process, our Secretary-General and others have managed during the year, in spite of many commitments, to find time to visit a number of foreign countries. We were represented at the first National Conference on the Employment of the Blind in Italy and Technical Conferences with the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, in Paris.

Obituary

At home, we record with much regret the deaths of Alderman Hugh Parry, C.B.E., a member of our Executive Council since 1938, who served with distinction on a number of Committees ; Mr Alfred George Roberts, J.P., a member of our Executive Council since December, 1953, and Mr. Arthur James Warburton Kitchin, C.I.E., Vice-President of the Institute since 1953, and an Honorary Treasurer and member of the Executive Council from 1923-1954. He gave invaluable personal service to many of our Committees for more than 30 years.

Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Service Fund

On the retirement of Captain G. S. Holden in June, the administration of the Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Service Fund was undertaken by the Services for the Blind Department of the Institute, and a number of pensions and special grants have been paid during the year, and also other grants in co-operation with local agencies.

The Guild of Blind Gardeners

Coming right down to earth for the close of the Report, it can be added that what many of the blind describe as " the joyous pursuit of gardening " continues to grow, like a green plant in spring. A large number of fresh members are being enlisted in the Guild of Blind Gardeners, with its small annual subscription entitling members to a rebate on seeds and tools.

We quote an appreciative reply to advice sent out by our Services for the Blind Department : " Thank you for your very kind letter received by me. I think there is more humanity in this letter than in any other letter that I have ever read."

The Institute and the Blind

With your help, and that of many other good friends of the blind, the Royal National Institute works for humanity, sowing the seeds and providing as far as it can the tools and aids for a most valiant section of the nation to overcome their darkness, and live their days usefully in freedom.

We place on record our deep sense of appreciation and thanks to Mr. J. C. Colligan, O.B.E., our Secretary-General, and all his loyal staff for their indefatigable labours during another year. Their co-operation has made possible the achievements outlined in this Report.

May the Blessing of Almighty God be upon our work.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH 1957

31.3.56 £	FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	£	£
390,291	**Funds not available for General Purposes**		379,367
96,605	Endowment Funds	103 783	
	Legacies and Gifts earmarked by Donors :		
182,923	Invested	160,684	
5,830	Uninvested	4,763	
	Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacements		
104,933	Reserve	110,137	
		379,367	
115,850	**General Reserve**		220,269
22,692	Balance at 31st March, 1956	115,850	
93,158	Transfer from Legacies Account	104,419	
		220,269	
	Reserve for Talking Book Development (see Note 2)		50,000
—	**Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments** ...		17,392
607,170	**General Charity Fund**		622,144
	Balance at date per Part III of General Charity Fund Account		
89,875	**Liabilities**—		81,390
11,620	Bank Overdrafts	7,868	
43,373	Sundry Creditors	43,433	
	Unified Collections Account : Amount owing to other Societies *less* Balance of Special		
12,382	Bank Account (£55,000)	7,589	
	Advance by Associate Organisation towards		
22,500	cost of Nuffield Talking Book Library ...	22,500	
		81,390	
£1,203,186			£1,370,562

Notes :—

1. The Interest of the Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children included in Funds not available for General Purposes is £43,859, in General Reserve £83,360, in Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments £1,823 and in General Charity Fund £75,625.
2. It is necessary to build up a substantial Reserve, because it is known that considerable sums will be required during the next few years to finance essential developments in the Talking Book Library.
3. Liabilities under Contracts for Capital Expenditure entered into at 31st March, 1957, not included in these Accounts amounted to approximately £7,250.

31.3.56 £	ASSETS	£	£
384,461	**Investments not available for General Purposes** held on the following Accounts—		374,604
96,605	Endowments	103,783	
182,923	Legacies and Gifts earmarked by Donors . .	160,684	
	Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacements		
104,933	Reserve	110,137	
		374,604	
	Stock Exchange Securities at Market Values at 31st		
256,858	March, 1957	258,486	
48,175	Treasury Bills, at Cost	36,690	
116	Unquoted Securities, at Cost	116	
79,312	Freehold Properties, at Cost	79,312	
		374,604	
613,177	**Investments on General Charity Fund Account** —		781,226
	Stock Exchange Securities at Market Values at 31st		
468,198	March, 1957	579,985	
109,993	Treasury Bills, and Corporation Loans at Cost, .	166,875	
2,200	Unquoted Securities, at Cost	2,760	
32,786	Freehold Properties, at Cost . . .	31,606	
		781,226	
205,518	**Other Assets** —		214,732
98,821	Stocks as valued by Officials of the Institute	100,528	
95,337	Sundry Debtors	106,889	
11,390	Deferred Charges	7,315	
		214,732	
£1,203,186			£1,370,562

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :—
Amount expended upon the acquisition and adaptation of Fixed Assets used for the charitable purposes of the Institute at the 31st March, 1957 (including valuations of Assets presented to the Institute) was £1,305,656, the whole of which has been charged against General Charity Fund. No depreciation, therefore, is charged in these Accounts.

P. F. WRIGHT, *Chairman, Finance Committee*
JOHN H. BEVAN, *Hon. Treasurer*
} *The Royal National Institute for the Blind.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our Audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from branches not visited by us. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed General Charity Fund Account, which are in agreement with the books of account and returns. In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Institute's affairs as at 31st March, 1957, and the General Charity Fund Account, Parts I, II and III give a true and fair view of the transactions during the year ended on that date.

JACKSON, PIXLEY & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.
12th July, 1957.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
GENERAL CHARITY FUND ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March, 1957
PART I—ORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1955-56 £	Ordinary Expenditure	£	£
756,415	**Services to the Blind**—		816,752
	Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading Activities:		
717,902	Gross Expenditure per Schedule below ...	779,220	
	Payments to the Blind—		
	Augmentation of Wages paid to Blind (including Wages and Expenses of their		
13,742	Sighted Guides)	15,843	
1,409	Higher Education and Training Fees ...	526	
	Assistance and Other Expenses on behalf		
21,498	of Blind Persons	19,083	
1,864	Grants to Societies for the Blind	2,080	
		816,752	
57,232	**Cost of Raising Revenue**—		61,464
122,787	Total Cost of Raising Revenue	133,195	
	Less: Proportion borne by Societies under		
65,555	**Unification Agreements**	71,731	
		61,464	
12,377	**Cost of General Administration**		14,281
	Pension Scheme Contributions and Pensions (excluding £10,683 charged through other		
7,286	Accounts)		7,764
2,567	**Other Expenses**		1,735
£835,877			£901,996

1955-56 £	Ordinary Income	£	£
513,991	**Subscriptions, Donations and Collections**—		535,633
108,186	Subscriptions, Donations and Appeals ...	100,709	
370,298	Collections, including Flag Days	382,112	
12,020	Allocation from London Collecting Agencies	27,884	
	Allocations from Other Collecting Agencies		
23,487	for the Blind	24,928	
		535,633	
	Less: Gross Amounts payable to other		
250,435	Societies under **Unification Agreements**...		255,963
263,556			279,670
26,144	**Rents and Interest and Other Ordinary Income**		32,819
515,536	**Services to the Blind**		569,587
	Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading—Gross Income per Schedule below (including £2,543 interest on earmarked investments)		
30,641	**Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income,** transferred to Part III		19,920
£835,877			£901,996

PART II—EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1955-56 £	Extraordinary Expenditure	£	£
60,186	**Net Capital Expenditure**—		27,855
29,407	Land and Buildings	10,168	
22,833	Furniture and Fittings	12,522	
187	Grant to Worcester College	311	
7,759	Braille Development Account	4,854	
		27,855	
—	**Grant to British Wireless for the Blind Fund**		10,000
13,748	**Legacy Publicity and Expenses**...		14,736
31,198	**Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure** transferred to Part III		49,073
£105,132			£101,664

1955-56 £	Extraordinary Income	£	£
216,224	**Legacies**		229,337
7,246	**Gifts for Endowment**		360
223,470			229,697
	Less: **Earkmarked by Donors**—		
	Specific Activities	19,101	
30,312	Endowment Funds	6,177	25,278
193,158			204,419
93,158	*Less:* **Transfer to General Reserve** ...		104,419
100,000			100,000
3,461	**Special Capital Gifts**—		1,550
	Braille Centenary Fund	1,375	
	Others	175	
		1,550	
1,671	**Profit on Sale of Investments**		114
£105,132			£101,664

PART III—SUMMARY

1955-56 £		£	£
30,641	**Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income** transferred from Part I		19,920
48,993	*Loss on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments*	—	
32,080	*Less : Transfer of the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments*	—	
16,913			—
—	**Transfer to Reserve for Talking Book Development**		50,000
607,170	**Balance at 31st March, 1957,** to Balance Sheet		622,144
£654,724			£692,064

1955-56 £		£	£
602,874	**Balance at 31st March, 1956**		607,170
31,198	**Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure** transferred from Part II		49,073
—	**Gain on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments**	17,392	
	Less: **Transfer to the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments**	17,392	
			—
20,652	**Transfer from Earmarked Funds** to meet Expenditure chargeable thereto		35,821
£654,724			£692,064

SCHEDULE
SERVICES TO THE BLIND

1955-56 Expenditure £	1955-56 Income £	1955-56 Net Cost £		1956-57 Expenditure £	1956-57 Income £	1956-57 Net Cost £
			Summary of Homes and Schools Accounts			
90,134	54,889	35,245	Blind Babies Homes	96,874	60,476	36,398
34,039	28,968	5,071	Condover Special School	39,882	31,814	8,068
25,649	20,959	4,690	Worcester College	28,342	24,639	3,703
28,084	21,494	6,590	Chorleywood College	31,829	25,976	5,853
4,256	1,739	2,517	Vocational Assessment Centre	13,073	10,423	2,650
14,371	11,164	3,207	Physiotherapy School	15,353	11,004	4,349
15,183	8,377	6,806	Shorthand, Typing and Telephony School ...	16,048	10,121	5,927
35,500	22,380	13,120	Homes of Rehabilitation	40,287	28,816	11,471
96,821	70,850	25,971	Other Homes and Hostels	104,460	75,303	29,157
344,037	240,820	103,217		386,148	278,572	107,576
			Summary of General Services Accounts			
62,743	24,934	37,809	Braille and other Publications	72,797	26,870	45,927
10,092	980	9,112	Students' Library	11,620	621	10,999
56,965	37,444	19,521	Apparatus	66,488	45,986	20,502
52,421	32,340	20,081	Nuffield Talking Book Library	50,062	37,087	12,975
8,665	3,780	4,885	Clinic of Physiotherapy	8,378	3,066	5,312
22,880	15,741	7,139	Placement in Industry	25,140	17,924	7,216
213,766	115,219	98,547		234,485	131,554	102,931
			Summary of Trading Activities Accounts			
61,445	58,983	2,462	Home Industries	60,343	58,961	1,382
98,654	100,514	—1,860	Kiosks	98,244	100,500	—2,256
160,099	159,497	602		158,587	159,461	—874
717,902	515,536	202,366	**Grand Totals**	779,220	569,587	209,633

ENDOWMENTS

General Account

	£	s.	d.
The Leopold Salomon's Endowment Fund	10,002	2	6
The H. F. Bailey Bequest	9,974	11	6
The Miss Constance de Jong Bequest	7,813	6	9
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund	7,432	9	6
The East London Home and School for the Blind Endowment	7,144	4	11
The Sir Beachcroft Towse Memorial Fund	4,921	11	8
The William Brown Hextall Bequest	3,812	5	2
The John Rae Campbell Endowment Fund	1,917	2	4
The Rev. F. J. Hackett Bequest	1,857	15	7
The Nuffield Endowment	1,794	5	0
The Miss Irene Constance Wood Bequest	1,437	19	9
The Mary Shaw Bequest	999	4	4
The Donald and Rosie Alderson Bequest	979	11	10
The Sir Alfred Jones Bequest	968	1	11
The Hornshaw Endowment	859	13	2
The Thomas Wilson Bequest	838	16	4
The Miss F. W. Dunn Bequest	773	14	9
The Phare de France Endowment	735	0	0
The Miss E. A. Black Bequest	666	13	4
The Rose Gay Bequest, 1858-1931	640	4	8
The Hextall Fund for Blind Law Students	596	7	4
The Mrs. Sarah Jane Little Bequest	543	17	5
The Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkham Bequest	486	15	8
The Misses E. and A. Snape Bequest	479	6	7
The Mrs. Rachel Stanley Bequest	454	6	5
The George Cook Memorial Endowment	423	19	6
The Blind Social Aid Society Fund	395	11	10
The Miss Constance Harvie Bequest	378	16	1
The Henry Heskell David Bequest	366	6	1
The Alma Marvin Bequest	248	7	5
The George Cowieson Bequest	225	3	4
Proceeds of Sale of 9 Oval Road, London	201	15	3
The J. J. Crossfield Bequest	188	13	7
The Frederick James Overton Bequest	176	5	4
The Old Congleton Farmers Dance Committee Endowment	160	0	0
The Sir John Howard Bequest	147	0	0
The Alfred Sawyer Bequest	117	11	0
The Mrs. Ralph Partridge Bequest	105	9	1
The Shrimati Shevihai Tola Ram Warandani Bequest	88	2	8
The Henry Ireland Bequest	80	9	6
The Doctor Howell Rees Bequest	77	17	2
The J. W. Comhen Bequest	73	10	10
The Louis Sterne Bequest	46	5	9
The Miss Mary Jesson Bequest	20	19	9
The Mrs. J. Rainsforth Bequest	7	12	10
	71,659	5	5

Residential Home for Blind Men and Women, Westgate-on-Sea

	£	s.	d.
The Harry Urmson Hayes Fund	1,552	16	3
The Miss A. V. Allpress Endowment Fund	735	5	4
	2,288	1	7

Chorleywood College

	£	s.	d.
The William Brown Hextall Scholarship	3,090	14	8
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest (After-Care)	2,180	10	10
The Nuffield Endowment Fund	1,417	13	6
Fees Endowment Fund	984	18	11
The James Gilhertson Bequest	485	19	9
The E. P.Hatschek Prize Fund	100	0	0
	8,259	17	8

Fellowship House, Hoylake

	£	s.	d.
National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League	796	0	7

Convalescent and Holiday Home, St. Leonard's

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Laing Bequest	820	15	10

SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

General Account

	£	s.	d.
The Miss Susan A. Davey Bequest	600	0	0
The James Attfield Bequest	168	6	10
The Lewis Maulkin King Bequest	71	4	6
The Mr. A. R. Edwards Bequest	19	2	1
	858	13	5

Blind Babies' Home, East Grinstead

	£	s.	d.
The John Henry Howard Davy Trust	3,150	0	0
The "Dancing Times" Endowment	2,023	16	2
The John Henry Howard Davy Trust	890	7	0
The Margaret Vogan Endowment	844	16	6
The Hornshaw Endowment	735	0	0
The Eliza and John Frederick Bequest	568	6	10
The Mrs. A. R. Edwards Bequest	496	16	6
The Miss A. D. Spiers Bequest	496	16	6
The Anthony Cloustin Partridge Endowment	470	12	9
The Mrs. F. Marks Bequest	437	7	10
The Mrs. Lucy Block Bequest	379	14	9
The T. G. Sorhy Bequest	135	14	7
The Miss Vaughan Chapman Bequest	94	0	5
The "Sunday League" Endowment	40	8	6
	10,763	18	4

Blind Babies' Home, Southport

	£	s.	d.
The Jessie Bell Airey Cot	2,000	0	0
The Mr. and Mrs. Evan Mathews Bequest	909	12	2
The Esther Frances Levy Bequest	844	16	6
The Ernest Hallowell Barlow Bequest	551	3	2
The James Gilhertson Bequest	485	19	10
The Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest	101	11	0
The Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest	84	3	7
	4,977	6	3

Blind Babies' Home, Northwood

	£	s.	d.
Bundles for Britain, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York, U.S.A., and Daughters of St. George, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada	424	5	6

Blind Babies' Home, Pirates Spring, New Romney

	£	s.	d.
The John Wade Bequest	440	13	6

Blind Babies' Home, Overley Hall

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Frances Marsh Endowment	735	0	0

Blind Babies' Home, Southerndown

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. G. M. Rees Endowment	847	19	1

Blind Babies' Home, Kingswinford

	£	s.	d.
The Gyde Charity Endowment	911	11	5
TOTAL	£103,783	8	7

LEGACIES, 1956-57

We acknowledge with most grateful thanks the following benefactions by Will received during the year:

	£	s.	d.
Allen, Mr. H.	200	0	0
Andrew, Mr. R.	100	0	0
Ashworth, Mrs. C.	1,000	0	0
Atkinson, Miss M. E.	50	0	0
Ayres, Miss L. A.	50	0	0
Bagley, Miss A. M.	50	0	0
Bagnley, Mr. F.	338	16	10
Bainbridge, Mrs. A.	20	0	0
Baker, Mrs. G. E.	20	0	0
Baker, Mrs. C. M. Hester	250	0	0
Barraclough, Miss H. M.	62	18	1
Batcheldor, Miss E. M.	50	0	0
Baxter, Mrs. F. M. A.	1,000	0	0
Bayly, Miss M. E.	100	0	0
Beale, Mrs. L. M.	1,000	0	0
Beer, Mrs. E. F.	97	9	6
Bishop, Mrs. M. R.	4,000	0	0
Bishop, Mrs. S. G.	300	0	0
Blackwell, Mrs. E. A.	1,705	7	8
Boreham, Miss E. A.	25	0	0
Botterill, Miss B.	350	0	0
Bowly, Mrs. E. L.	15	7	5
Box, Mrs. M. J.	2,400	0	0
Britton, Mr. C. H.	1	18	7
Bromley, Mrs. J.	10	0	0
Brooks, Mrs. E. J.	25	0	0
Brooks, Mr. J. W.	103	17	4
Brown, Mrs. E. J.	180	1	1
Bryant, Mrs. C.	17	0	9
Bull, Miss M.	200	0	0
Bunday, Mr. E. G.	1,775	0	0
Burgess, Miss M.	155	15	2
Burnley, Miss A.	1,000	0	0
Bushell, Mrs. K.	100	0	0
Carr, Miss M. B.—"In memory of her father John Carr"	1,322	17	9
Cartwright, Mrs. E.	142	1	11
Chaplin, Mrs. A. M.	1,000	0	0
Chapman, Miss M. J. F.	1 202	10	0
Chapman, Mr. S.	114	18	8
Chard, Mr. F. J.	434	15	10
Chivers, Mrs. R. J.	875	19	6
Clapham, Miss E.	250	0	0
Clegg, Mrs. E.	20	0	0
Cleveland, Mr. E. E.	3,514	17	3
Coath, Miss H. G.	1,000	0	0
Coath, Miss M. A.	150	0	0
Cocker, Miss J.	64	0	0
Cole, Mr. A.	80	9	0
Cole, Grace Eleanor	5	0	0
Coleman, Mrs. M. A.	100	0	0
Collins, Mr. J. E.	200	0	0
Connell, Mrs. A. K. I.	1,144	13	9
Cooper, Miss S. D.	4,599	1	10
Cope, Mr. D.	25	0	0
Corder, Mrs. C. G.	668	8	3
Cottam, Mr. M. E.	250	0	0
Coupland-Smith Mrs. I. M.	3	7	9
Cowan, Miss M. E.	193	2	7
Crickett-Scott, Mrs. N. C.	11	0	9
Cronk, Mr. J.	24	15	9
Cundell, Miss Y. E. L.	2	4	4
Curry, Miss C. E.	1,445	7	6
Dancer, Mrs. S. A.	1,000	0	0
Davies, Mr. G. H.	10	0	0
Davison, Miss L. I.	100	0	0
Davis, Miss E. A.	15	0	0
Dawes, Mrs. E. H. H.	1,170	8	4
Dawson, Miss L. P.	750	0	0
De Paiva, Miss S. E.	2,571	9	5
Devis, Mrs. E.	150	0	0
Dews, Mr. H.	50	0	0
Donald, Miss J. K.	100	0	0
Duckworth, Mrs. J.	450	0	0
Dunkin, Mrs. L.	2	10	0
Dunn-Gardner, Miss M. M. R.	145	4	10
Edwards, Mr. A. R.	12	12	5
Edwards, Miss M. E.	60	14	2
Elwen, Mr. T. H.	200	2	9
Emerson, Mrs. G. L.	500	0	0
Evans, Mr. A. J.	350	0	0
Fancy, Mrs. M. A.	25	0	0
Farrer, Miss A. M.	537	15	11
Fenton, Mrs. A.	7	6	2
Finch, Mrs. A. J.	400	0	0
Fox, Miss K. A.	1,139	8	10
Freeman, Miss A. M.		8	0
French, Miss M.	13	16	0

	£	s.	d.
Frost, Miss A. W.	317	8	8
Fuller, Miss C. M.	25	0	0
Gadsdun, Miss L. H.	67	18	11
Galloway, Miss M. C.	200	0	0
Gardiner, Miss E. M.	893	7	4
Gibbes, Mrs. E. E.	100	0	0
Gibbs, Mrs. E. E.	20	0	0
Gillinson, Mr. J.	100	0	0
Goldman, Mr. H.	300	0	0
Goodwin, Mrs. E. A.	76	19	4
Goodwin, Mrs. M. L.	81	15	10
Gowland, Mr. F. S.	300	0	0
Greatbatch, Mrs. A. E.		9	11
Greatorix, Miss R. L.	25	0	0
Greaves, Mrs. H. R.	10	0	0
Greenham, Miss L. L.	178	14	1
Gregory, Mrs. M. P.	50	0	0
Griffin, Miss E.	250	0	0
Gyte, Mr. H.	200	0	0
Hack, Miss E.	250	0	0
Hall, Miss D. E.	102	2	9
Hall, Mr. T.	601	5	0
Hambleton, Miss F.	25	0	0
Hanna, Mr. D. J.	106	5	6
Hanna, Miss M. M.	50	0	0
Harding, Mrs. E.	25	0	0
Hardman, Mr. A. J.	1,678	1	8
Harris, Mrs. A. E.	100	0	0
Harrison, Miss A. J.	711	19	7
Haslam, Miss E.	100	0	0
Hawes, Miss L. L.	10	0	0
Hayes, Mr. G. W.	904	2	5
Hemsley, Mr. S. A.	100	0	0
Hennin., Mrs.	5	0	0
Hibberd, Mr. A. S.	20	0	0
Hiley, Mr. F. S.	500	0	0
Hill, Mrs. E. G.	200	0	0
Hine, Miss F. C. D.	2,555	12	2
Hobson, Mr. A.	50	0	0
Hodson, Mrs. J. A.	80	7	0
Hogg, Miss E. G. F.	1,199	2	7
Holden, Mr. C. H. S.	383	14	8
Holgate, Mr. E.	336	4	10
Holland, Mrs. H. L.	52	19	3
Hollyhead, Mr. E.	100	0	0
Hollyman, Mrs. C. M. H.	60	10	6
Holmes, Mrs. E.	386	5	5
Hooper, Mr. F. H.	36	0	0
Hopkins, Miss F. M.	675	0	0
Hughes, Mr. I. E. N.	50	0	0
Hughes, Mrs. S.	157	0	11
Hughes, Mrs. V. M.	5	0	0
Hume, Miss H.	200	0	0
Hutton, Rev. J. T.	25	0	0
Hyman, Mr. A.	50	6	7
Illidge, Mr. E. J.	100	0	0
In memory of Mrs. E. M. Burden and Master G. E. Burden	40	0	0
Ismay, Mr. T. B.	3,000	0	0
Jackson, Mr. L.	25	0	0
Jameson, Mr. H.	3,981	11	3
Jeakins, Mrs. M. A.	250	0	0
Jeune, Mr. H. G.	2,211	12	1
Johnson, Miss M.	420	11	8
Jollis, Jac.	750	0	0
Jones, Mrs. A. I.	50	0	0
Jones, Mr. E.	20	0	0
Jones, Mr. J. E.	650	0	0
Karle, Miss M. E.	966	11	5
Keates, Mr. C.	3,171	1	11
Kelly, Margaret Ann	54	14	6
Kenyon, Miss E. A.		12	0
Kidds, Mr. H. F.	129	3	10
Knighton, Miss M.	25	15	9
Lambert, Mrs. A. J.	1,041	11	0
Lance, Mr. A. E.	268	18	4
Lane, Miss S. M.	58	16	11
Lasbrooke, Mrs. E. A.	200	0	0
Latham, Miss E. A.	50	0	0
Law, Mr. H.	100	0	0
Lawrence, Miss M. L.	1	13	0
Lawrence, Maude	107	11	9
Leeming, Mrs. M. E.	3	6	10
Levi, Mrs. M.	3,550	1	1
Levy, Mrs. L. V.	2,336	0	9
Lindner, Mr. G. A.	493	17	7
Lloyd, Mrs. E.	120	0	0
Lovell, Mr. A.	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Lumbert, Mr. J. E.	106	9	2
Male, Mrs. J.	86	6	0
Malsom, Mr. P. H.	1,113	12	0
Marks, Mrs. G. L.	767	0	0
Marsh, Miss B. M.	5	13	3
Marshall, Miss A. M.	1,165	3	4
Marshall, Miss S.	38	8	11
Martin, Mr. A. D.	1,294	12	6
Mason, Miss F. H.	100	0	0
Mason, Mr. T.	100	0	0
Masters, Mr. C. A.	60	0	0
Matthews, Mrs. A. M.	290	19	0
May, Mrs. L.	93	12	0
Maynard, Mrs. C.	3,550	0	0
Medcalfe, Miss F. M.	3,000	0	0
Melhuish, Miss A. W.	150	0	0
Mepham, Mrs. N. A.	20	0	0
Merrick, Mr. W.	2,231	2	10
Michau, Mr. H. V.	505	2	7
Mildren, Brig. General W. F.	112	5	6
Miller, Mrs. E.	69	14	3
Moore, Mr. A.	1	14	7
Moore, Miss C. L.	50	0	0
Morbey, Mr. F.	824	7	7
Morgan, Miss E.	75	0	5
Morton, Mrs. A.	200	16	5
McConnan, Miss L. M.	636	18	0
McFarlane, Mrs. L.	2,624	9	2
McKay, Miss R. M.	25	0	0
Natt, Mr. J. F.	1,908	11	4
Newberry, Mrs. W.	690	4	0
Newman, Miss J. H.	99	0	0
Nichol, Mr. G.	30	18	0
Nixon, Mr. G. H.	250	0	0
Norman, Mrs. A. B.	7	11	8
Offord, Miss F. E.	41	0	8
Okell, Mr. T.	100	0	0
O'Loughlin, Miss E. M.	50	0	0
Orrell, Mr. S.	500	0	0
Owen, Mrs. R.	50	0	0
Pannell, Miss E.	2,169	6	2
Parkes, Miss G.	20	0	0
Parkin, Miss J.	213	18	11
Payten, Mrs. S.	500	0	0
Peel, Miss A. M.	3,000	0	0
Perkins, Mrs. B. J.	100	0	0
Philpott, Mrs. E. P.	500	0	0
Pickett, Mrs. N. E.	154	14	4
Pickles, Miss B.	359	12	6
Pickthall, Mr. F. J.	10	0	0
Pollard, Mr. A.	200	0	0
Potter, Miss A. L.	25	0	0
Pratt, Miss A. F.	100	0	0
Prebble, Mrs. A. L.	1,040	0	9
Prescott, Mrs. A.	25	9	5
Price, Miss K.	200	0	0
Price, Miss S.	608	19	4
Prior, Mr. A. G.	1,438	0	10
Quinsey, Mrs. E. L.	100	0	0
Randall, Mr. C. R. J.	50	0	0
Ratcliffe, Mr. W. J.	158	19	10
Rhodes, Mr. A. L.	292	10	0
In memory of Adeline Pomeroy Richardson	13	2	6
Riley, Miss E. W.	6	6	8
Robinson, Miss H. F.	100	0	0
Rogers, Miss A. M.	25	0	0
Ross, Miss J.	406	5	0
Rothwell, Miss E.	1,000	0	0
Rowe, Miss M.	841	17	4
Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H.	68	13	0
Ryle, Miss M. B.	25	0	0
Ryves, Miss E. M.	20	0	0
Sanders, Miss L.	50	0	0
Sandys-Ball, Mr. C. C.	601	12	0
Saunders, Miss A.	127	10	6
Sharpe, Miss G.	429	13	10
Shilton, Mr. H. E.		10	3
Shipman, Mr. H.	35	18	10
Shippam, Mr. A. E.	500	0	0
Shuckburgh, Mr. A. C.	1,181	5	8
Skarratt, Mrs. J.	917	9	11
Skidmore, Mrs. N.	202	0	10
Sloan, Mr. J.	10	0	0
Slocombe, Mrs. L. C.	205	16	2
Smith, Mrs. E.	1,179	13	8
Smith, Miss F. E.	2,694	15	10
Smith, Mr. J. G.	750	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Smith, Mrs. M. S.	1,290	15	10
Smith, Mrs. T. K.	298	1	6
Solomons, Mr. J. H.	218	13	9
Stace, Miss E.	200	0	0
Staniforth, Mrs. A.	25	0	0
Storr, Mrs. A. A.	10	17	11
Summerfield, Mr. D.	501	17	2
Summersby, Mr. A.	107	6	8
Sweet, Mrs. M.	30	0	0
Sykes, Mr. C. W.	100	0	0
Taylor Miss A.	50	0	0
Tetley, Mrs. C. F.	22	8	2
Thomas, Miss M.	12	16	0
Turner, Mr M. W.	100	0	0
Vacher, Mrs. L. B.	50	0	0
Vine, Miss M.	10	0	0
Wade, Mrs. R.	100	0	0
Waite, Mrs. P. M.	100	0	0
Walkden, Miss A.	800	0	0
Wardley, Mr. W. E.	10	0	0
Watkins, Mrs. C. B.	546	9	3
Watson, Mr. G. T.	5,071	19	1
Watson, Miss M.	500	0	0
Watts, Mrs. A. A.	50	0	0
Welbani, Mrs. A.	20	0	0
West, Mrs. M.	2	0	0
Westbrook, Mr. E. C.	50	0	0
Western, Mrs. C.	20	0	0
Wheeler, Miss D. R.	29	8	7
Whinray, Mr. J.	612	12	5
Whitehead, Mrs. M.	312	5	5
Whiteman, Mr. F. W.	589	4	6
Williams, Miss A.	500	0	0
Willis, Mr. B. G.	9	18	1
Wilson, Mr. T.	150	0	0
Wood, Mrs. A.	6,286	16	8
Woodard, Mr. W.	22	8	0
Wright, Mr. F. W.	8	10	7
Wrottesley, Lady M. C.	250	0	0
Young, Mr. W.	364	4	7
Inland Revenue Rebate of Tax	4,649	8	11
	154,445	8	7

Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children

	£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs. A.	129	4	9
Ashdown, Miss E.	555	16	0
Asbworth, Mrs. C.	2,000	0	0
Ball, Mrs. E.	50	0	0
Barnes, Mr. T. G.	326	6	10
Bassil, Mrs. A. E.	50	0	0
Birn, Mrs. M. H.	3,750	0	0
Blumenthal, Mr. W.	26	5	0
Brotberton, Mrs. C. E. F.	900	4	11
Clegg, Mrs. M.	2,374	5	7
Corbet, Mr. A. J. B. Le Strange	400	0	0
Cubbin, Mrs. E. M. (in memory of her son, Robert Alfred Colby Cubbin)	19,000	0	0
Curnow, Miss K. H.	20	0	0
Davey, Mr. F. W. G.	63	5	2
Dennis, Miss L. K. A.	34	15	5
De Orfe, Mrs. F. J.	50	0	0
Ellis, Mrs. E. E. M.	100	0	0
Felgate, Mrs. K. E.	25	0	0
Fenn, Miss A.	6,106	11	6
Gibbon, Mrs. M.	20	0	0
Gregson, Miss H.	100	0	0
Hall, Mr. S.	50	0	0
Hawkes, Mrs. M. S.	1,046	4	8
Hobill, Miss C.	100	0	0
Hopkins, Miss F. M.	675	0	0
Hose, Miss A. E.	15	10	0
Huck, Mrs. D.	137	9	7
Hughes, Mr. T.	950	0	0
In memory of Mrs. E. M. Burden and Master G. E. Burden	60	0	0
Jobling, Miss M.	50	0	0
Jotbam, Miss R.	393	6	5
Kilmister, Miss N. A.	20	0	0
Kleiman, Mr. A.	1,940	17	5
Lamin, Mrs. R.	1,137	13	3
Lloyd, Mr. E. V.	50	0	0
Lyon, Mrs. M.	97	10	9
Maynard, Mrs. C.	200	0	0
Moore, Mrs. E. M.	20	0	0
Moyes, Miss B. R. M.	200	0	0
Parker, Mrs. E. M.	396	1	5
Pinning, Mr. J. L.	25	0	0
Rees, Mr. E. G.	182	8	0
Russell, Mr. J.	604	12	3
Sidnell, Mrs. E. A.	457	0	7
Simmons, Miss J.	50	0	0
Simpson, Miss H. A.	201	0	11
Snell, Miss E. M.	1	6	9

	£	s.	d.
Standring, Mrs. E. M	885	16	2
Stansbridge, Miss S.	5	14	6
Stephens, Miss M. J.	130	7	11
Stevens, Mrs. F.	100	0	0
Stevens, Mrs. P.	250	0	0
Taylor, Mrs. E. M.	468	1	1
Tracey, Mrs. R. V.	1,155	17	8
Tremayne, Mrs. A.	100	0	0
Tufnail, Emily	50	0	0
Wigginton, Mrs. E.	335	8	0
Williamson, Miss A. G.	100	0	0
Witherden, Mr. B. T. V.	46	12	6
Wright, Mr. S. H.	13	9	
Wrigley, Miss E. E.	10	0	0
Wroe, Miss M.	10	0	0
Inland Revenue Rebate of Tax	1,183	1	4
	49,974	10	1

The following bequests were EARMARKED BY DONORS as indicated

Channels of Blessing

	£	s.	d.
Troup, Sir C. E.	5	11	5

For the Benefit of the Blind in the County of London

	£	s.	d.
Kenleyan, Mrs. V.	1,000	0	0

For the Benefit of the Blind in East Sussex

	£	s.	d.
Burstow, Mr. R. S.	200	0	0

For Training of Dogs for the Blind

	£	s.	d.
Ayers, Mrs. F.	200	0	0

For Work amonst the Deaf-Blind

	£	s.	d.
Nellis, Mr. J. H.	4,844	7	6

Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

	£	s.	d.
Fontes, Mr. M. A.	500	0	0

Residential and Holiday Home, Craven Lodge, Harrogate

	£	s.	d.
Snow, Mrs. S. E.	50	0	0
Walls, Mr. C. E.	203	1	6
	253	1	6

Residential and Holiday Home, The Haven, Scarborough

	£	s.	d.
Rebate of Income Tax	3	3	0

Residential and Holiday Home, Wavertree House, Hove

	£	s.	d.
Goldman, Mr H	300	0	0

Residential Home for Blind Men and Women, Westgate-on-Sea

	£	s.	d.
Backwell, Miss M.	223	2	4

School of Physiotherapy

	£	s.	d.
Sharp, Miss L. M.	100	0	0

Special Comforts Fund

	£	s.	d.
Sabel, Mrs. E. S.	200	0	0
Sabel, Mr. F. J.	150	0	0
	350	0	0

The Queen Elizabeth Home of Recovery for Newly-Blind Civilians, America Lodge, Torquay

	£	s.	d.
Coombes, Mrs. E. E.	457	8	6
Corline, Mr. W. J.	50	0	0
	507	8	6

William Tate Residential Home for the Deaf-Blind, Harrogate

	£	s.	d.
Peel, Miss A. M.	500	0	0
Poppleton, Mrs. I.	4	14	7
	504	14	7

Wireless Sets for the Blind

	£	s.	d.
Sheard, Mrs. S.	324	4	0
Rebate of Income Tax	2	13	7
	326	17	7

Sunshine House, Court Grange

	£	s.	d.
Austin, Miss E. E.	264	3	6

Sunshine House, East Grinstead

	£	s.	d.
Cowburn, Miss H. M.	25	0	0
Ismay, Mr. T. B.	750	0	0
Richards, Miss A. J.	50	0	0
Rebate of Income Tax	11	3	1
	836	3	1

Sunshine House, Kingswinford

	£	s.	d.
Simpson, Miss A.	20	0	0

Sunshine House, Leamington

	£	s.	d.
Gibbs, Mrs. L.	100	0	0
Glass, Mrs. R. E. M.	15	0	0
Leavey, Mrs. R. G.	24	17	2
Nock, Mr. F.	25	0	0
Rebate of Income Tax	13	19	8
	178	16	10

Sunshine House, Northwood

	£	s.	d.
Kay, Mr. A.	25	0	0
Kelly, Mrs. K. G.	250	0	0
Rebate of Income Tax	5	19	0
	280	19	0

Sunshine House, Pirates Spring

	£	s.	d.
Kemplem, Mrs. D. L.	5	0	0

Sunshine House, Southerndown

	£	s.	d.
Atkins, Mrs. E.	100	0	0
Love, Mr. D. H. W. R.	241	14	6
Pearce, Mrs. O. B. M.	2,134	13	8
Rebate of Income Tax	12	17	10
	2,489	6	0

Sunshine House, Southport

	£	s.	d.
Anderton, Mrs. S.	1,433	13	2
Brown, Mrs. M.	12	10	0
Dalton, Miss M.	865	17	8
Deardon, Miss M. A.	20	0	0
Gibson, Miss C. E.	50	0	0
Gregory, Mrs. B.	50	0	0
Griffiths, Mr. J.	232	6	7
Herdman, Mrs. M. C.	500	0	0
Jones, Mrs. S. E.	50	0	0
Lewis, Mrs. S. L.	100	0	0
Lloyd, Mrs. A.	100	0	0
Mellor, Mrs. A.	235	5	0
Roberts, Miss G. M.	20	0	0
Rogers, Miss M. G.	100	0	0
Sbaw Mrs. J. F.	1,500	0	0
Smart, Mr. S.	145	5	6
Tattersall, Miss M. E.	50	0	0
Tetley, Mrs. C. F.	22	8	2
Tomkinson, Mrs. M.	97	18	4
Rebate of Income Tax	102	1	5
	5,687	5	10

Sunshine Fund, Norfolk

	£	s.	d.
Rebate of Income Tax	20	13	0

Endowments, General Account

	£	s.	d.
Miss E. A. Black (in memory of Frederick Nixon Black)	666	13	4

Endowments, Sunshine Fund Sunshine House, East Grinstead

	£	s.	d.
John Henry Howard Davy Trust	3,150	0	0

Sunshine House, Southport

	£	s.	d.
The Jessie Bell Airey Cot	2,000	0	0

	£	s.	d.
TOGETHER	229,337	5	8

GIFTS FOR ENDOWMENT

The following Gifts for Endowment were received during the year :—

General Account

	£	s.	d.
Old Congleton Farmers Dance Committee	160	0	0

Sunshine House, Kingswinford

	£	s.	d.
The Gyde Charity Endowment	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
TOGETHER	360	0	0

UNIFIED COLLECTING AGREEMENTS

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957

NET AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

£		£
233,769	(A) From Areas worked by Royal National Institute for the Blind ...	233,430
23,487	(B) From Areas worked by Other Agencies for the Blind	24,928
257,256		258,358

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

£		£
75,774	Royal National Institute for the Blind	77,889
19,660	National Library for the Blind	19,857
6,553	Royal Normal College for the Blind	6,577
155,269	Other Participating Societies—from Areas worked by Royal National Institute for the Blind (see below)	154,035
257,256	In addition £3,763 was paid to the National Library for the Blind and the Royal Normal College for the Blind in respect of their share of net collections from Areas where no agreement with the Local Society subsists.	258,358

ANALYSIS OF AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

1955-56 £		£
	BEDFORDSHIRE—	
1,215	N. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,438
1,115	S. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,292
	BERKSHIRE—	
2,168	Berkshire County Blind Society	2,187
1,143	Reading Association for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,152
	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—	
1,886	Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind	2,275
	CAMBRIDGESHIRE—	
1,542	Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind	1,515
	CHESHIRE—	
5,195	Chester and District Blind Welfare Society	4,847
484	Macclesfield Society for the Blind	505
50	Wallasey Blind Welfare Committee	50
	CORNWALL—	
3,889	Cornwall County Association for the Blind	3,794
	DERBYSHIRE—	
4,464	Derbyshire Association for the Blind	3,806
	DEVON—	
3,968	Devon County Association for the Blind	4,022
591	Exeter Society for the Blind	570
838	South Devon and Cornwall Instn. for the Blind, Plymouth	836
95	West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter ...	92
	DORSET—	
1,676	Dorset County Association for the Blind	1,817
	DURHAM—	
612	Darlington Society for the Blind	553
3,616	Sunderland and Durham County Royal Institution for the Blind	3,589
	ESSEX—	
4,215	Essex County Association for the Blind	4,072
	GLAMORGAN—	
6,000	Cardiff Institute for the Blind, Inc.	2,088
3,645	Glamorgan County Blind Welfare Association... ...	4,004
3,500	Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Instn. for the Blind	3,500
	GLOUCESTERSHIRE—	
5,425	Bristol Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops	5,142
648	Gloucester (City) Society for the Blind	594
3,718	Gloucester County Association for the Blind	3,586
	HAMPSHIRE—	
618	Bournemouth Blind Aid Society	667
1,284	Southampton Association for the Welfare of the Blind	1,109
	HEREFORDSHIRE—	
1,287	Herefordshire County Association for the Blind ...	1,204
	HERTFORDSHIRE—	
3,385	Hertfordshire Society for the Blind	3,262
	HUNTINGDONSHIRE—	
526	Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind	533
	ISLE OF MAN—	
1,269	Manx Blind Welfare Society	1,230
	KENT—	
249	Canterbury Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	213
	LANCASHIRE—	
469	Accrington and District Institution for the Blind and Prevention of Blindness	451
1,341	Blackburn and District Joint Finance Com. for the Blind	1,208
755	Catholic Blind Institute	744
11,502	Liverpool Workshops for the Blind	11,326
856	Oldham Home Teaching Voluntary Sub-Committee of the Welfare Services Committee	1,054
792	St. Helens and District Society for the Blind ...	690
154	Southport Blind Persons Committee	214
	LINCOLNSHIRE—	
887	Boston and Holland Blind Society	843
536	County Borough of Grimsby Blind Welfare Sub-Com.	552
655	Kesteven (Lincs.) Blind Society	676
735	Lincoln Blind Society	753
4,000	Lindsey Blind Society	4,359
	MONMOUTHSHIRE—	
3,872	Newport and Monmouthshire Association for the Blind	4,484
	NORFOLK—	
623	Great Yarmouth Blind and Handicapped Persons Sub-Committee	593
2,946	Norwich Institution for the Blind	2,759
	NORTHUMBERLAND—	
5,903	Newcastle Agencies for the Blind	6,070
	NORTH WALES—	
3,461	North Wales Society for the Blind	3,198
	OXFORDSHIRE—	
1,883	Oxford (City and County) Society for the Blind ...	1,881
	RADNORSHIRE—	
183	Radnor Association for the Blind	211
	SOMERSET—	
746	Bath Society for the Blind	781
3,361	Somerset County Association for the Blind	3,756
	SUFFOLK—	
932	Ipswich Blind Society	1,051
1,379	West Suffolk Voluntary Blind Committee	1,307
	SURREY—	
2,762	Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind	2,936
	SUSSEX—	
938	Brighton Society for the Welfare of the Blind... ...	2,090
484	Eastbourne Society for the Blind	346
1,465	East Sussex Association for the Blind	1,701
189	Hastings Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	259
2,219	West Sussex Association for the Blind	2,199
	WILTSHIRE—	
316	Swindon Branch of Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind	338
3,264	Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ...	2,936
	YORKSHIRE—	
2,950	Cleveland and South Durham Institute for the Blind	3,054
41	Colne and Holme Valley Local Blind Persons Com.	580
1,801	Doncaster and District Home Teaching Association for the Blind	1,889
218	Goole Local Blind Persons Committee	212
954	Halifax Society for the Blind	1,375
888	Harrogate and District Society for the Blind	897
829	Huddersfield and District Blind Society	1,079
1,426	Keighley and District Institution for the Blind ...	1,309
410	Kiveton and Rotherham Rural Voluntary Committee for the Blind	461
1,374	Leeds Incorporated Institution for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb	1,462
7,748	Leeds Voluntary Welfare of the Blind Committee ...	7,483
556	North Riding Vol'y Com. for the Welfare of the Blind...	1,498
385	Pudsey Vol'y Committee for the Welfare of the Blind...	400
260	Rawmarsh and District Blind Welfare Committee ...	259
762	Rotherham Voluntary Com. for the Welfare of the Blind	704
115	Saddleworth Local Blind Persons Committee ...	128
229	Scarborough Society for the Welfare of the Blind ...	212
174	Selby Local Blind Persons Committee	163
433	Settle, Bowland and Sedberg Blind Persons Welfare Committee	457
120	Thorne Local Blind Persons Committee	120
129	Todmorden Society for the Blind	141
2,448	West Riding Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	2,116
719	Yorkshire School for the Blind	726
155,269		154,035

SCHOOLS, HOMES AND BRANCHES OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Nine Sunshine Home Nursery Schools

Dene Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
Dunnings Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. (The Beachcroft Towse Home).
Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
Court Grange, Abbotskerswell, South Devon.
Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, Staffs. (The Bernhard Baron Home).
Overley Hall, near Wellington, Shropshire.
Pirate's Spring, St. Mary's Bay, near Ashford, Kent.
2 Oxford Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire.
Southerndown, near Bridgend, Glamorgan. (The Variety Club Sunshine Home founded by Tenovus).

School for Blind Children with other Handicaps Condover Hall, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Secondary Grammar Schools

Chorleywood College for Girls with Little or No Sight, Chorleywood, Herts.
Worcester College for the Blind, Worcester.

Vocational Assessment Centre Hethersett, Gatton Road, Wray Common, Reigate, Surrey.

Centres for Professional or Technical Training

School of Physiotherapy, 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.
R.N.I.B. Training College for Blind Shorthand-Typists and Telephonists, 5 Pembridge Place, London, W.2.

The Queen Elizabeth Homes of Recovery for Newly-Blind Civilians

The Manor House, Middle Lincombe Road, Torquay, Devon.
America Lodge, Higher Lincombe Road, Torquay, Devon.
Oldbury Grange, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

R.N.I.B. Clinic of Physiotherapy

(Alfred Eichholz Memorial), 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

Hostels for the Blind

31 Palace Court, London, W.2.
79 Holland Park, W.11. (Physiotherapy Students).
16 Holland Park, W.11.

Residential and Holiday Homes

Bannow, Quarry Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. (Convalescent and Holiday Home).
The Haven, Holbeck Hill, Scarborough, Yorks. (Holiday Home).
Craven Lodge, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, Yorkshire.
Wavertree House, Furze Hill, Hove, Sussex.
Leeds House, 128 Victoria Road, New Brighton, Cheshire. (Holiday Home).
Westcliff House, Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.
Tate House, Queen Parade, Harrogate, Yorkshire. (Willlam Tate Home for Deaf-Blind).
Fellowship House, Trinity Road, Hoylake, Cheshire. (Holiday Home for Deaf-Blind).
The Kathleen Chambers Home, Berrow Road, Burnham-on-Sea. (Home for Deaf-Blind).

Home Industries Department, Holmesdale Road, Reigate, Surrey.
Branch Shop : 12 Ritz Buildings, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
The Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind, Abbey Estate, Mount Pleasant, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex.
Sound Recording Studio, 8 Hinde Street, London, W.1.
Moon Society Publications, 104 Queen's Road, Brighton, Sussex.

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